CRIS Hot Spots from Nursing
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We made it to day 9! Despite a few bumps in the road, the staff generally seems to be getting used to the new way of life with the CRIS system. A few issues remain yet to be worked out primarily around printing and order entry. A few other technical issues arose today that are being addressed by DCRI.

Medication Order Verification to be Disabled– until further notice, the CRIS Medication Verification function will be disabled as of Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at approximately 2200. This means:
- When a drug is ordered, an Order Requisition will print almost immediately and the drug will become available for documentation on the Work List, and a label will print in the Pharmacy.
- All drug orders will be verified by a pharmacist as they were prior to CRIS Go-Live.
- Automated safety features will continue to alert the prescriber as to duplicate drug orders, conflicts with an identified allergy or sensitivity, or a potential drug-drug interaction. Presecribers will continue to acknowledge these alerts.

Allergies – If your patient reports an allergy, be sure to try and find it in the drop down menus before selecting Other in the Patient Info tab. For example:
- **IV Contrast - Type:** Drug Category; **Allergen**: Iodinated Radiocontrast Dyes. Complete other fields as usual.
- **Adhesives, Pollens, Insect Stings, Feathers, Tape, etc**: Type: Environmental; Allergen: Select as usual.
- If you cannot find the allergen on the drop down lists, use the "Other" category. Choosing other shows up as (**Allergy : Other)** on the Medical Care Plan which then requires the nurse to go into the CRIS system to see what the real Allergy is.

Protect your CRIS electronic signature
- A gentle reminder to log off CRIS before you walk away from a monitor. If you forget, CRIS' automatic log-off feature will log you off after 10 minutes of inactivity. This auto log off feature has been fixed.

Transferring Patients in CRIS
- **IntraUnit Bed Transfer** – Remember that this is a service requisition entered by a nurse following the nursing documentation pathway under Nursing. Then go to Intra-Unit Bed change, this does not require a medical order.
- **Transferring to the OR** -Remember that when a nurse is sending a patient to the OR, this requires a medical order per policy. This order should be entered by the sending unit and activated by the nurse when the patient leaves the floor. This transfers the patient to the OR's census.

Research Bloods

■ Continue to be a challenge for nurses collecting specimens. The Barcode labels do not necessarily match the number of tubes ordered and the tube type does not match the necessary tube (the *FST* seen on the research labels stands for finger stick and is basically a placeholder on the labels for other tests). If it is less confusing, you could place an admissions label on the research specimen and send the order requisition to the research lab requesting the specimen.

Calculations in CRIS

■□Calculations are only performed in the I & O section of the nursing documentation flow sheets.

Keep up the great work!

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